



Zonta Club *Milwaukee*

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www.zontamilwaukee.org

Wednesday, February 25th, 2015

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Dinner Meeting

In honor of Black History Month our speaker will be Clayborn Benson, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Black Historical Society. He will share the migration and history of African Americans to Wisconsin.

Meal Choices: Regular Meal – Chicken ala King & Salad

Vegetarian Option – Eggplant Roulette

Italian Community Center (I.C.C.), 631 E. Chicago
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

5:30 PM - Social

6:00 PM - Dinner

7:00 PM - Speaker

Cost: \$30 per person, includes tax and tip

RESERVATIONS: Please call Helen Ludwig
(414-321-0078, Extension 114)
or email her at hludwig@sbl-law.org with the cancellation of your standing reservation or any call-in reservation by 9:00 am on
Monday, February 23, 2015.

President's Message...

Greetings Milwaukee Zontians,

February is Black History Month

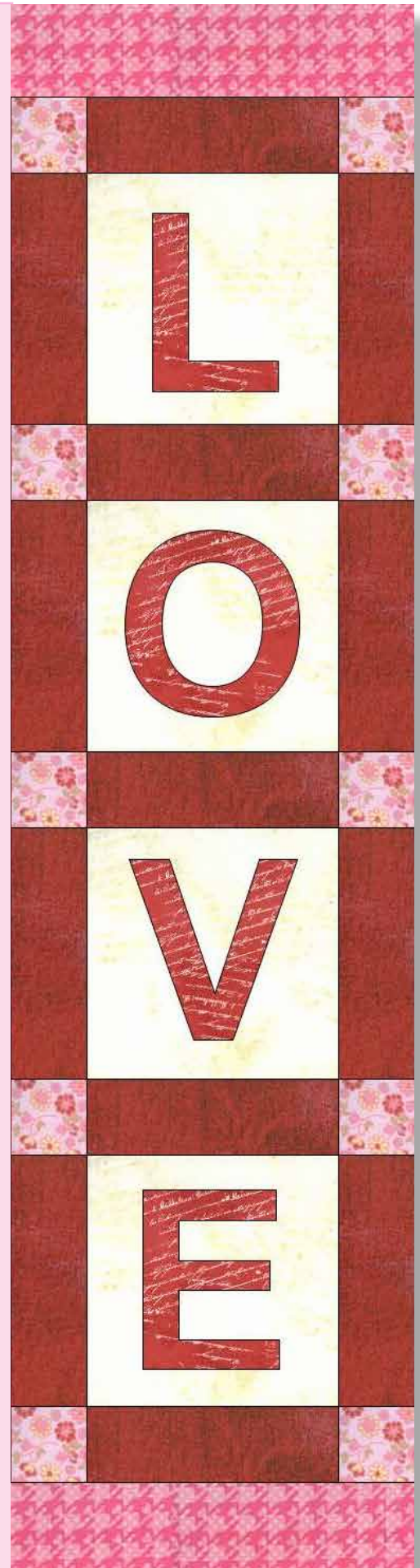
Speaking of business women, here is a little known black historical fact: Maggie Lena Walker.

Maggie Lena(Mitchell) Walker was the first woman in the United States, of any race, to become a President of a local bank. She was born in Richmond, VA in 1867, the daughter of former slaves who worked in the mansion of Elizabeth Van Lew, an abolitionist. After her father got a job as head waiter at the St. Charles Hotel in Richmond, the family moved to a small house in town. Her father was murdered when he was robbed and left his wife, her brother and Maggie to survive him. Her mother developed a laundry business that Maggie helped with after attending classes at the Lancaster school and advanced classes at the Armstrong Normal School, the first public schools created in Richmond, VA.

After graduation she returned to Lancaster School as a teacher until she married Armstead Walker, a building contractor, in 1886. They had three sons, but one died as a baby. Maggie then became an insurance agent for the Woman's Union. Since age 14 she had been a member of the Grand United order of St. Luke, an African-American fraternal and cooperative insurance society founded in Baltimore, MD in 1867. The order was established to assure proper health care and burial arrangements for its members as well as encourage self-help and racial solidarity. Maggie worked her way up and in 1899 became the executive secretary-treasurer of the organization, by then renamed the Independent Order of St. Luke at a salary of \$8.00 a month!

In 1902 Maggie began publishing a newsletter called the St. Luke Herald to promote the activities of the organization. In 1903 Maggie opened the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank and became its president. The business of the bank was to facilitate loans to the community. By 1920 the bank had helped buy 600 homes. By 1924 the organization had 50,000 active members, 1500 local chapters, a staff of 50 and assets close to \$400,000. In 1929 the Penny Savings Bank had absorbed all other black-owned banks in the Richmond area and was renamed the Consolidated Bank and Trust Company with Maggie as its Chairman of the Board....all this in just 26 yrs!! Women can be awesome in Business!!

- Donna Kahl-Wilkerson



2015 Fashion Show

It's time to create and expand your guest list for the 2015 Zonta Fashion Show Fundraiser. Our annual event not only raises funds to support the work we do on behalf of women and girls, it raises awareness and opportunity for those in attendance to be involved in a very personal way.

YOU are the key. Your dedication is evident. Your passion is contagious.

**Saturday, April 18, 2015
10:30 am - 2:00 pm
Marriot West, Pewaukee, WI**

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee presents You Hold The Key: Empowering Women and Girls fashion show fundraiser on Saturday, April 18. If you have not already done so, please mark your calendar and invite your family, friends, colleagues, and others to join you at the Marriott Milwaukee West in Pewaukee.

We need everyone's help to make this year a success. Our ability to fund very deserving organizations, provide scholarship support to exemplary students, and further Zonta's mission at home and around the world depends on your support.

There are several ways to be involved.

1. Donate bottles of wine (\$10+ value) for the wine pull
2. Fill one or more tables of 10 with your special guests
3. Donate items for the raffle or silent auction
4. Volunteer for day of activities
5. Make a monetary donation

You will be able to pay your annual dues with your credit card at the fashion show. It is the one day we can offer that convenience.

Final reservations are due by April 4. If you have your guest list, you can send it in now. Helen is ready to accept your reservations.

Thank you to all who are working so hard to make this a day of celebration, encouragement, and fun.

See you at the fashion show!

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2015

6:00 pm

Welcome, Introduction, and Dinner: President, Donna Kahl-Wilkerson offered the Zonta Blessing, and welcomed our guest, Megan Fitzpatrick, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Women in Business award receiver.

Program Chair, Lori Peterson: Introduction of guest speaker, Rose Dorcey, who gave a presentation on Wisconsin Women in Aviation. Rose has been involved with flying in Wisconsin for a number of years. She has been a pilot for 24 years, is the past editor of "EAA Magazine," and presently is a writer for "Aviation and Motorcycling." Rose is the President of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame, which honors 132 women with plaques and displays at their headquarters in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She was joined by her husband John, who provided technical help during her presentation.

The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame offers five scholarships to aviation scholars for study at Technology Colleges and University Programs throughout the United States. The Scholarship program has been in place for 10 years.

Rose Darcey spoke of Amelia Earhart being a ground breaking woman in the field of aviation. Rose shared stories of women in aviation in Wisconsin. Bernice Van Nortwick, from the Appleton area, was the second woman passenger to fly in 1912; Marie Towle Schulte from an aviation family in Wausaw, in 1939, was the youngest pilot in the United States. Her love of flight was evident throughout her life. In 2000 she was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Ruth Harmon of Kenosha was the first woman to become an airport manager in the 1940's. Her desire to become a pilot was so strong that she used all her resources to take flying lessons, and earned her pilot's certificate in 1932. Even though she was a stunt pilot, she was also a strong advocate for safety. She was a flight instructor during World War II. She is also in the Hall of Fame, and there is a scholarship in her name awarded in Plattville. Jean Hauser, from Hartford, in 1965 was Wisconsin's first deaf pilot. She was an excellent student and flew her own plane and opened the doors to flying for many others with impaired hearing. Jean Hauser was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008. There are two national organizations: The Ninety Nines and Women in Aviation, both of which give scholarships to women in the field of aviation.

Jackie Beaudry informed us that there are two Zonta Amelia Earhart funds to which we can also donate. Check the website and be sure to specify to which fund you wish to donate.

The Business Meeting was called to order by Donna Kahl-Wilkerson.

Our member Lynn Oehlke's sister, Suzanne, was welcomed as a guest.

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee welcomed Debra Koller, a special Education Coordinator for the Waukesha School District, and Gloria Jones, a retired Montessori teacher and friend of Nell Kendrick, as they were installed as new members. Pam Knackert will email the Club a new Roster of members. Our membership is strong at 43.

Treasurer Report, Diane Lindsley: reported that the financials are in order and balanced out.

Meeting Minutes Continued...

Committee Reports

Membership Report: Pam Knackert reported that next month we will be welcoming another new member. Pam suggested we have a mentoring program for new members. She will welcome volunteers. Please let Pam know of any interested potential members.

Program: Barbara Wyatt-Sibley reported that In February in honor of Black History Month, Clayborn Benson, ED, Black Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum, will be giving a presentation on African Americans in Wisconsin. March will be Janine Geske, retired Judge. She will speak on Human Trafficking and Restorative Justice; you are encouraged to bring a guest.

Scholarship: Missy Creevy reported that applicants for the Women in Public Affairs Scholarship is due March 15, 2015; information is on the website. The Zonta International organization is changing the guidelines, so we need to wait until we have their information before we solicit applicants for the 2015 Women in Business and the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Scholarships. Please contact Missy Creevy if you know of a candidate. Megan Fitzpatrick, an accounting major at UWM, our recipient of the Women in Business Award, accepted her award. She has clearly defined goals, and has already participated in various volunteer opportunities. One of her accomplishments was creating a mentoring program for students in her field at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

Advocacy, Karen Hunt: Diane Lindsley reported in Karen Hunt's absence on the successful status of Girls in Wisconsin, a joint effort by Alverno College and the Girl Scouts.

If you would like to learn more about the issue of Human Trafficking, the Milwaukee Department of Health will present a program, "Not for Sale, Wisconsin's Response to Human Trafficking." The cost is \$50 for two days, which includes materials and lunch. It will be held February 24 and 25, 2015, at the Crown Plaza in Milwaukee. Diane Lindsley will email the information to us.

The Madison Club will be having their Advocacy Training in Madison, February 21, 2015, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. There will be a gathering to approach the legislatures on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Madison high school students and women from a Madison Residential Center will have a part in this program.

Publicity Committee: Joni Reese reported that we should turn in our articles for the Newsletter. Donna Kahl-Wilkerson shared that at Conference members of other clubs raved about our Newsletter, as well as Pam Knackert for her membership efforts.

Service Committee: Donna Neal shared that the Groundbreaking last Tuesday for Neu-Life construction went well, and that Neu-Life is moving along in raising the necessary dollars to meet their goal. There will be an event close to the end of construction. We will have input into the mural for the Art Room, and we will be recognized as a Room Sponsor. The Neu-Life Art Reach Project is going well. The Art Reach Project is an educational experience for the students that focuses on human trafficking to help raise awareness of the middle and high school students. The program begins with formal education and role play, and then moves into part two in which art is created to serve as awareness to others in the community. Four canvases will be complete by the end of February. There are single works as well as groups of young people working together on these art pieces. It was suggested that perhaps we can display the art pieces at the Fashion Show to show our hands on program.

Planning is happening for the Neu-Life Annual Art Show - Fund Raiser, May 2, 2015.

Meeting Minutes Continued...

Foundation Board Report: Cheryl DuBerry reported Recipients are: Neu-Life \$5,000; Sojourner Family Peace Center \$3,000; Alverno College \$2,000; Our Next Generation \$1,500; St. Catherine Residence \$1,500; and The Women's Center \$1,000.

Fashion Show: Carol Cline reported that everything for the Fashion Show is on schedule. Chico's and Soma will be the fashion presenters. Members have received their packets of invitations. Members will also receive an electronic version of the invitation. Please try to fill a table of ten, and bring wine if you are able. There is no limit on the wine this year, as last year we ran out. The silent auction has 50 items, and we welcome more. Interested models please contact Joni.

Chairperson for the Centennial Anniversary Endowment: Jackie Beaudry reported that the Zonta International Foundation will celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary in 2019. There is a three year effort to raise funds for the Endowment Campaign Legacy Program with a goal of raising ten million dollars to add to the Zonta International Foundation, to protect and further future projects.

Announcements: Donna Kahl-Wilkerson

1. President Donna Kahl-Wilkerson requested that if members know of mini-service projects, to please let her know. Members might be able to work on these shorter term efforts. These projects would be worthy and would bring the efforts of Zonta Club of Milwaukee before the public. Members are also asked to participate and be active.
2. Madison Zonta Zing is March 7, 2015 in Madison. The theme is the 1950s. Bring out your 50's clothing - poodle skirts, saddle shoes? There will be a hula hoop competition - so get ready to have some fun.
3. March 8, 2015, is International Women's Day at the Marcus Center. There will be free food and entertainment, as well as on the serious side, tables with panels and displays from the Women's League of Peace and International Freedom. This gathering is very consistent with Zonta International goals.
4. The YMCA will have a Circle of Women at the Potawatomi Hotel and Casino in Milwaukee. Cost is \$100 to \$125 per person. If you attend, please wear your Zonta pin to show support. The date is April 16, 2015, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Respectively Submitted

Judith Lehman, Recording Secretary



Save the Dates

2014-2015 Club Meeting Dates – Normally the 4th Wednesday of the Month

2/25/15

3/18/15 3rd Wed due to facility scheduling

4/22/15

5/27/15

6/2015 TBD

Other Important 2015 Area 2 and District 6 Dates

March 7th: Zonta Zing – Madison

March 13th: IWD – Janesville

April 18th: Spring Fashion Show Fundraiser – Milwaukee

April 25th: Area 2 Workshop - Madison

April 28th: Tribute to Women – Beloit

Oct 9-11th: 2015 Fall Conference

PR Communications Update

Please make sure all members have their correct email on Zonta.org. This is imperative as those emails are used for communication from ZI, and communication from District. A District 6 newsletter is forthcoming and the ZI email list will be used for distribution. Stay 'in the know' by making sure your email addresses are up to date. Club lists were distributed at Fall Conference that represent what is currently on file at ZI. Donna has a copy if you want to check!

The PR Communications Committee is an extension of the Club and all other committees!!! Aspects include supporting activities for Service, Advocacy, Membership, Fashion Show and other committees or activities that may need PR or communications efforts. Today we primarily focus on publishing the monthly newsletter, maintaining the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Website, Facebook, and most recently by adding a Twitter account. Please engage us to help you get your message out. Newsletter articles are due on the 7th of each month.



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Nola Hitchcock-Cross
February 1st

Connie Thoma
February 9th

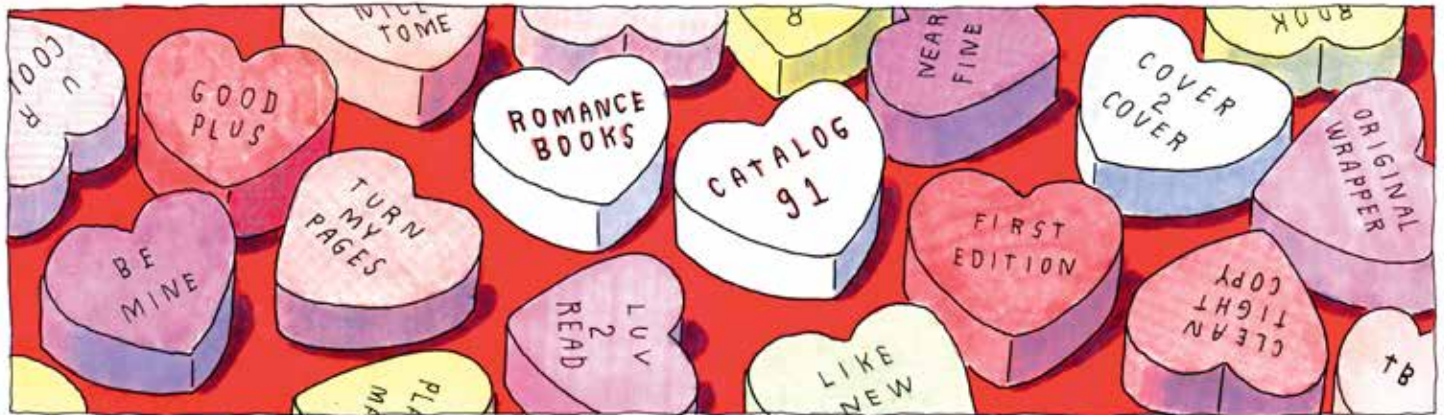
Kristen Greenwood
February 15th



Karen Hunt
February 19th

Helen Ludwig
February 19th

Elizabeth Stull
February 23rd



Membership Corner

Please welcome Debra Koller, a special education coordinator for the School District of Waukesha and Gloria Jones, a retired Montessori teacher, as new members. Thanks to Carol Cline and Nell Kendrick for sharing their Zonta membership with these ladies.

We hopefully will be installing Joyce McCrary and Sheryl Dean as new members this month. These are both friends of Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry.

Please invite any potential members you might have to our February meeting to celebrate Black History Month.

The membership committee would like to set up a mentoring program for new members. If you'd like to serve as a mentor, please let me know.

We express our deepest sympathy to Margaret Holzbog on the loss of her husband, Charlie.

By Pam Knackert

Meet Our Member Jackie Beaudry



Jackie was Born in Quebec, Canada and moved with her family to New York State in her early teens. Jackie is bilingual, and she speaks French fluently.

Jackie joined Zonta in 1974 while in Batavia, New York and has been a member of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee since 1987. She has served as President, President-Elect, Vice President, on the Board of Directors, as well as various committee chairs. She served as Area 2 Director, Lt. Governor and Governor. She served as Zonta International Status of Women Local Service Coordinator and Nominating Committee chair for District 6 during 2006-2008. District 6 Foundation Ambassador (2008-2010) and as ZIF Development Chairman 2009-2014. As a Director on the Board of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation 2010-2012.

Professionally, Jackie has over 30 years of experience in Human Resources Management in public and privately held manufacturing companies. Areas of focus include Labor Relations, Contract Negotiations, Employment, Compensation, Benefit Administration, Employee Relocations and training.

She is retired from MRA-the management association, Inc. where she was employed as a consultant.

Currently, in addition to her involvement with Zonta she has served on the United Way Allocations Committee, Big Brothers & Sisters as a Big Sister and now volunteers at St Vincent de Paul Store in Waukesha and sings in the church choir.

Her hobbies include weight training, walking, embroidery, gardening and golf.

Education

M.S., Educational Psychology and Counseling, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
B.S., Business Administration, State University of New York, Buffalo, N.Y.

Meet Our Member Christine Todd



Christine (Chris) has been married to the love of her life (Rocky) for 44 years this May and counting. She is one of 11 Children (the fourth child, and oldest girl). She was born in Gilman, WI during the depression, at an early age she learned to share with those who have less. Chris has a great love for the outdoors, and outdoor sports (over the years she has enjoyed fishing, hunting small game, riding horses...)

She attended the college of St. Theresa in Winona, MN, from there she moved to Milwaukee to find a job and continue her education. She studied News reporting and Public Administration at UW Milwaukee.

Her employment history includes working for Milwaukee School of Engineering, IBM, and the City of Milwaukee. She was employed 44 years by the City of Milwaukee, during this time she worked in the Nursing Bureau, Housing Authority, City Attorney and City Treasurer's Office. She served as secretary to three City Clerks, three Common Council Presidents, and later as a liaison with Common Council members, department heads, and the media, retiring in 2000. Christine, also served as President of the Public Administration Society of SE WI, sharing common problems with city mayors, village managers and other personnel for workable solutions.

Christine served in the U. Coast Guard Spar Program, training at Yorktown, VA, on Active duty she served as a recruiter, and won a marksman medal. Once retired, she joined a Reserve Unit and served as Chaplain. The Governor appointed her to serve as a Veteran's representative on a special committee, serving as President

In 1985 Christine was invited to join Zonta Club of Milwaukee by Velta Hill. She did so to honor her mother, a true advocate of the women in her village. During her membership with Zonta, she has served as President, on the Public Relations Committee, co-chaired a fall conference in Milwaukee, attended many workshops, conferences and ZI conventions. In addition to the local membership, she enjoys meeting Zontians on an international scale.

Meet Our Member Lori Peterson



Lori joined Zonta in the summer of 2013. She is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts and has thus been involved with girl-centric activities for a number of years. But as her troop grew up and graduated, she began looking for other outlets which would positively affect girls and women.

She is a life-long resident of the Pewaukee area. She and her late husband moved twice in the quest to get onto Pewaukee Lake, which finally happened in 1987. She was brought up doing inland-lake sailing and met her husband through the sport. Now her children (ages 31 and 36) actively pursue sailing and there's a good chance that Perry, her two-year-old granddaughter, will be sailing in a few years. Volunteering and participating in the Pewaukee Yacht Club are favorite summer activities.

She has done some bucket-list traveling in recent years; to Rio de Janeiro and the Amazon in Brazil, a river cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg, Russia and most recently, travels to New Zealand and Australia. If you need a travel partner, give her a call!

Most recently, she added her 90-year old father to her household on a permanent basis. Her sisters and their husbands are in the area and help out as well. If she seems distracted give her a hug. Dads get awfully cranky when they get old!

She is a mechanical engineer and has worked at We Energies for nearly 34 years (two to go!). She enjoys working in the power plant and providing expertise regarding mechanical systems and environmental matters. She especially enjoys the outfit of jeans and a polo shirt!

She is on the Program committee and is the recording secretary for the Zonta Milwaukee Foundation. She is looking forward to deepening her involvement in Zonta.

Save
the Date

9th Annual

Zonta Zing

Let's Go to the Hop!

a Fundraiser to End
Violence Against Women



6:45 to 10:30 pm
Saturday, March 7, 2015

Turner Hall
3001 South Stoughton Road
Madison, Wisconsin



Zonta Club
of Madison

2015 Scholarship Competitions

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee offers three college scholarship opportunities for young women and college students living in and/or attending accredited schools in southeastern Wisconsin including: Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, Washington, Racine and Kenosha counties.

A brief overview of each of these scholarships is presented below with links to their respective applications.

Should you have any additional questions about these scholarships, please contact us at zontascholarships@wi.rr.com

Young Women in Public Affairs \$1,000 + \$1,000 + \$4,000

Aimed at pre-university or pre-college students (ages 16-19), this tri-level (club/district/international) scholarship competition was designed to encourage more young women to participate in Public Affairs and Political Life.

Applicants must show their active commitment to volunteerism, and provide evidence of their volunteer leadership achievements, as well as their dedication to advancing the status of women worldwide.

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee awards a \$1,000 scholarship and forwards the winner's application to Zonta District 6 for consideration in terms of an additional \$1,000 scholarship award.

The district winner's application is then sent on to Zonta International for consideration in terms of one of the ten \$4,000 international scholarship awards.

Complete applications are due on or before March 15, 2015.

JMK Women in Business \$1,000 + \$1,000 + \$7,000

Women studying business at the undergraduate or master's level at an accredited college or university, who show outstanding potential in their chosen field of business, are eligible to compete in this tri-level (club/district/international) Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship competition.

Zonta Club of Milwaukee applicants must either be a Southeast Wisconsin Resident enrolled in any local or out-of-state accredited college or university, or be an Out-of-State Student attending an accredited college or university in the six-county greater Milwaukee metro area.

In addition, applicants must have achieved or surpassed "junior" status by June 15, 2015 to be eligible

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee awards a \$1,000 scholarship and forwards the winner's application to Zonta District 6 for consideration in terms of an additional \$1,000 scholarship award.

The district winner's application is then sent to Zonta International for consideration in terms of one of the twelve \$7,000 international scholarship awards.

Complete applications are due on or before June 15, 2015.

Women in Science/Technology/Engineering/Math \$1,000

Women majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) who show outstanding potential in their chosen field are eligible to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship offered by the Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

Applicants must have an outstanding academic record and demonstrate intent to complete their chosen program.

Applicants must either be a Southeast Wisconsin Resident enrolled in any local or out-of-state accredited college or university, or be an Out-of-State Student attending an accredited college or university in the six-county greater Milwaukee metro area.

In addition, applicants must have achieved or surpassed "junior" status by June 15, 2015 to be eligible.

Complete applications are due on or before June 15, 2015.



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2015

INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S
DAY
MILWAUKEE

EQUALITY FOR WOMEN IS PROGRESS FOR ALL

Bradley Pavilion inside the
MARCUS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
929 North Water St Milwaukee, WI 53202

1:30 - 5:00 PM

FREE AND OPEN EVENT TO THE PUBLIC
Cultural dance and music, Guest speakers & Refreshments.

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